

REMARKS

1. Restriction.

Applicant has restricted prosecution to the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-6. Claims 7-11 have been withdrawn without prejudice. New Claims 12-15 fall within Group I and are to be prosecuted with Claims 1-6. This restriction is being made without traverse.

2. Claims Amendments.

Claim 1 has been amended to better comport with preferred USPTO practice and to remove alternative language. The alternative language has been picked up in new Claims 12 and 13. No new matter has been added.

Claim 2 has been amended to better comport with preferred USPTO practice and to remove alternative language. The alternative language has been picked up in new Claims 14 and 15. No new matter has been added.

Claims 3 – 5 have been amended to better comport with preferred USPTO practice. No new matter has been added.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct an antecedent basis issue. No new matter has been added.

Claims 7 – 11 have been withdrawn without prejudice as being drawn to non-elected claims.

New Claims 12 and 13 recoup subject matter removed from original Claim 1. No new matter has been added.

New Claims 14 and 15 recoup subject matter removed from original Claim 2. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the patent application is in condition for examination and allowance and requests such actions.

If the examiner has any concerns that can be addressed over the telephone, please have the examiner contact the below-signed patent lawyer of record to expedite the prosecution of the patent application.

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